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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON PRIORITY

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A, THE AMBASSADOR SAW MFA SECRETARY GENERAL MANZINI THIS MORNING. MANZINI HAD NOT REPEAT NOT YET HEARD FROM TAMAGNINI AS RESULT OF DEMARCHE MENTIONED REFTEL A. AMBASSADOR MADE STRONG PRESENT-ATION BASED ON REFTEL B.

2. MANZINI INDICATED FULL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POSITION AND SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN LISBON TO SEEK EARLIEST APPOINTMENT WITH GOMES. MANZINI SAID IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO OBTAIN A COORDINATED EC POSITION WHICH WOULD PERMIT ITALIANS TO ACT AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE NINE. (WE HAVE NO INFORMATION RE FRG REACTION MENTIONED PARA 2 REF A AND MANZINI MADE NO MENTION OF IT.) ACCORDINGLY, ITALIAN

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AMABASSADOR IN LISBON WOULD MAKE A BILATERAL DEMARCHE,

WITHOUT DELAY.

3. IN THE MEANTIME MANZINI WILL CLEAR THIS ACTION WITH FONMIN
RUMOR WHO MAY WISH TO TOUCH BASE WITH PRIME MINISTER MORO.
MANZINI TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A RATHER
PESSIMISTIC TELEGRAM FROM LISBON TODAY. THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR
HAD SPOKEN WITH SOARES WHOM HE KNOWS AND FOUND THE PORTUGUESE
LEADER QUITE PESSIMISTIC OVER CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AFM.

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